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CONVENTION APPLICATION FOR A STANDARD PATENT

National Gypsum Company of 4500 Lincoln Plaza, 500 N. Akard Street, Dallas,
Texas, 75201, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA hereby apply for the grant of a
standard patent for an invention entitled:

Panels with Laminated Strips for Clips

which is described in the accompanying complete specification.

DETAILS OF BASIC APPLICATIONS

<u>Basic Applic. No:</u>	<u>Country:</u>	<u>Application Date:</u>
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DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF A CONVENTION APPLICATION FOR A PATENT

In support of the Convention Application made for a patent for an invention entitled:

Panels with Laminated Strips for Clips

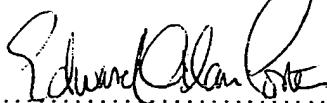
I, Edward Alan Porter, c/- National Gypsum Company, of 4500 Lincoln Plaza, 500 N. Akard Street, Dallas, Texas, 75201, United States of America, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

1. I am authorised by National Gypsum Company, the applicant for the patent to make this declaration on its behalf.
2. The basic applications as defined by Section 141 of the Act were made in United States of America on 23 January 1989 by Robert J. Menchetti and on 21 September 1989 by Robert J. Menchetti.
3. Robert J. Menchetti, of 116 Highland Parkway, Buffalo, New York, 14223, United States of America, is the actual inventor of the invention and the facts upon which the applicant is entitled to make the application are as follows:

The said applicant is the assignee of the actual inventor.

4. The basic applications referred to in paragraph 2 of this Declaration were the first applications made in a Convention country in respect of the inventions the subject of the application.

DECLARED at Dallas, Texas this 19th day of March 1990


Signature of Declarant

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(57) Claim

21. The method of mounting wallboard comprising the steps of inserting a back leg portion of each of a plurality of angled suspension clips through thin tear-resistant material, said thin tear-resistant material being adhered to a back face of said wallboard along spaced apart portions of said thin tear-resistant material, inserting each of said clips upwardly through an opening in said thin tear-resistant material into a pocket between said wallboard back face and an unadhered area of said thin tear-resistant material located between said spaced apart adhered portions and immediately above said opening, and subsequently disposing outwardly and downwardly extending hanger legs of said plurality of clips on horizontally extending channel members of a wall framing structure.

17. A wallboard comprising a flat, rectangular, rigid board, said board having a front face, a back face, two side edges and two ends, said board having thin, strong, tear-resistant material partially adhered to said back face, said tear-resistant material being disposed in at least a plurality of spaced-apart areas throughout said back face, suitable to support and retain said wallboard in place when fastening means are affixed to said material in each of said areas, said material being adhered to said back face at least in said spaced-apart areas with unadhered portions forming pockets positioned between adhered portions, whereby an upwardly extending leg of a suspension clip can be caused to pass through said material at one of said unadhered portions and to extend upward into said unadhered pocket, to support and retain said wallboard in place.